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Attorney Docket No. AOL0159

U.S. Serial No.: 10/774,356

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner and his supervisor for their assistance during an Interview, which was held on 13 April 2007.

2. Oath/Declaration. As pointed out during Interview, Oath/Declaration is listed in PAIR. Accordingly, this objection is in error and should be withdrawn. To assist the examiner in confirming this fact, Applicant includes herewith a copy of Applicant's submission of 1 July 2004, including the signed Oath/Declaration which accompanied it.

3. Specifications. Applicant notes the IDS submitted by Applicant was in compliance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.97.

4. Claim rejection – 35 USC § 103. Claims 1-36 are rejecting at 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Bolmarcich, *et al.* (USPN 6,539,435) in view of Stevens (UNIX network programming).

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

During the Interview, Applicant pointed out that the invention claimed herein is concerned with "one computer." The examiner pointed out that Bolmarcich is capable of running "on multiple processors of a distributed or shared memory parallel computer. . ." Accordingly, in the examiner's view, the teachings of Bolmarcich constitute "one computer." While Applicant entirely disagrees with the examiner's facile equation of a distributed processing computing system with one computer, Applicant has nonetheless amended the independent claims to indicate that the "inter-process communication [is] between at least two application processes [and] is restricted to communications, between applications running on a single computer under control of a single instance of an operating system." Support for this amendment to the claims is found for example, on page six, lines 5-7 of the

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specification. Because Applicant has limited the invention to "a single instance of an operating system," the invention as claimed cannot read upon Bolmarcich. That is, a distributed computing system, even if housed in a common cabinet, requires multiple instances of the operating system, one instance for each of the processors in the distributed system. In contrast, the claimed invention runs multiple applications on a single computer under control of a single instance of an operating system. Nothing in the art of record reaches or suggests this particular arrangement.

Applicant also notes that the Examiner's reliance on Stevens as a secondary reference is misplaced. During the Interview, the Examiner pointed out that Stevens teaches, for example, a pipe. Applicant has conceded the state-of-the-art in the specification, stating that "intra-process communications (IPC) use various communication methods, for example, shared memory, pipe, message queue, or semaphore, to enable interactions between different application processes within the same computer or among different computers in a computer network system." (Page one, lines 11-14; emphasis added) As Applicant's representative explained during the Interview, the invention herein allows communication between multiple processes within a single computer, i.e. a single processor. Thus, Applicant teaches that multiple applications are run on a single computer under control of a single instance of an operating system.

A *prima facie* showing of obviousness requires that the proposed combination of references teach each and every element of Applicant's claim. As noted above, none of the art of record teaches inter-process communication for multiple applications running on a single computer under control of a single instance of an operating system. As such, there is also no motivation to combine the references, which concern a multiple processor architecture (Bolmarcich) and a basic programming technique (Stevens), and no likelihood that these references could be combined successfully, as such, the Examiner's *prima facie* showing of obviousness is fatally defective.

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Should the Examiner deem it helpful, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Respectfully submitted

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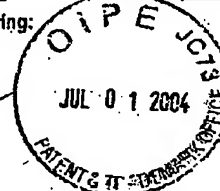
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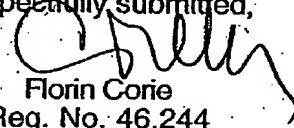
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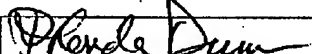
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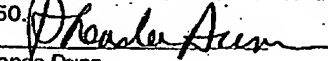
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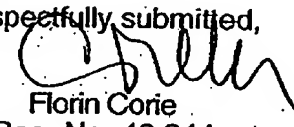
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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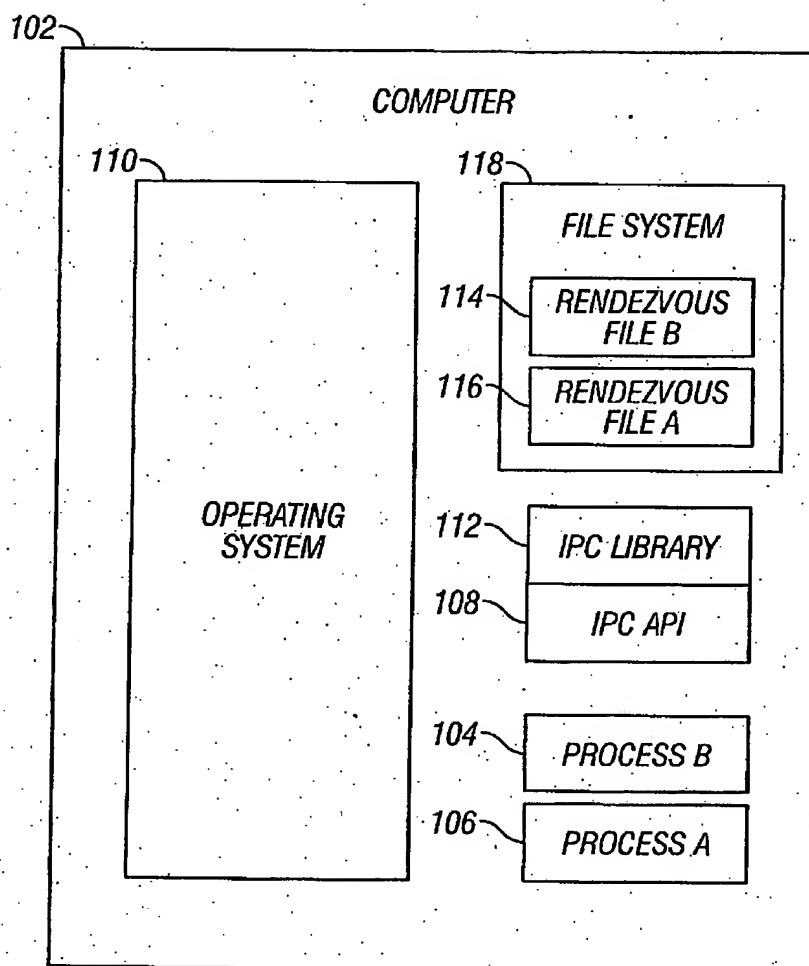


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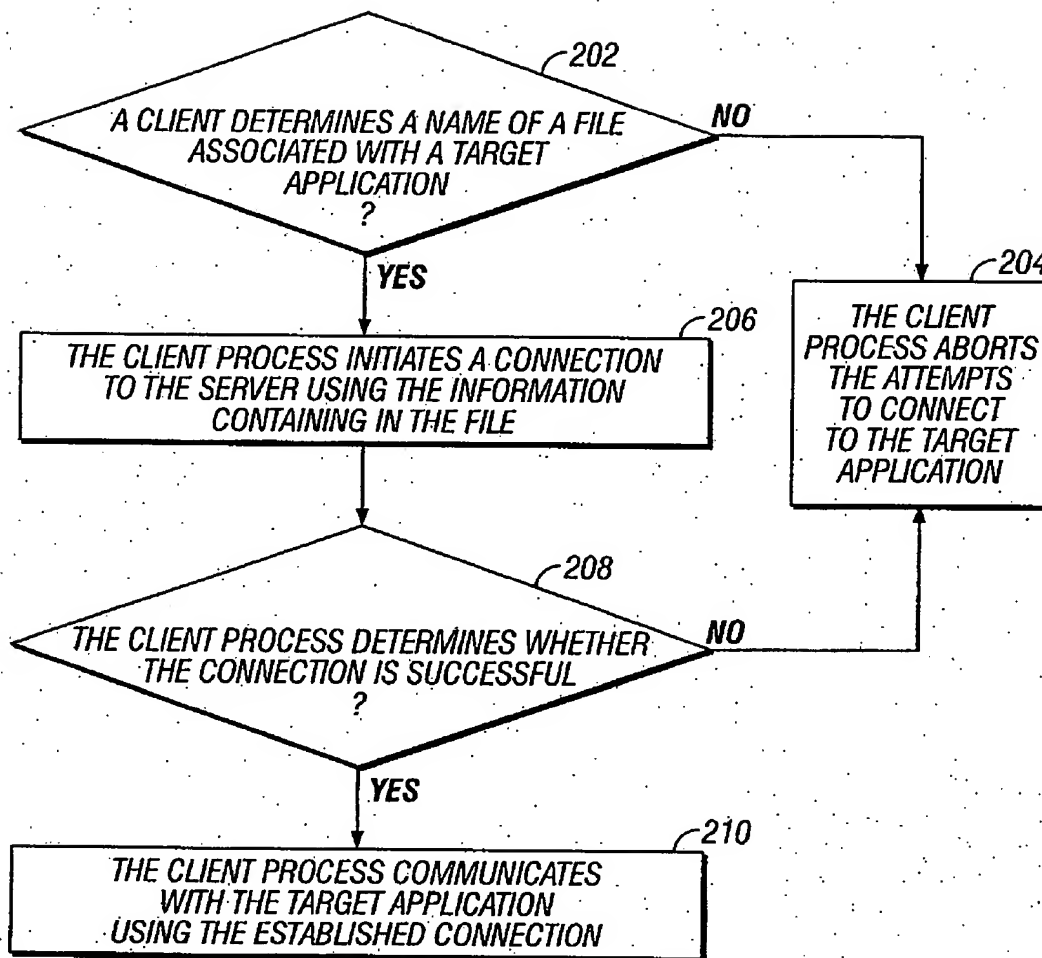


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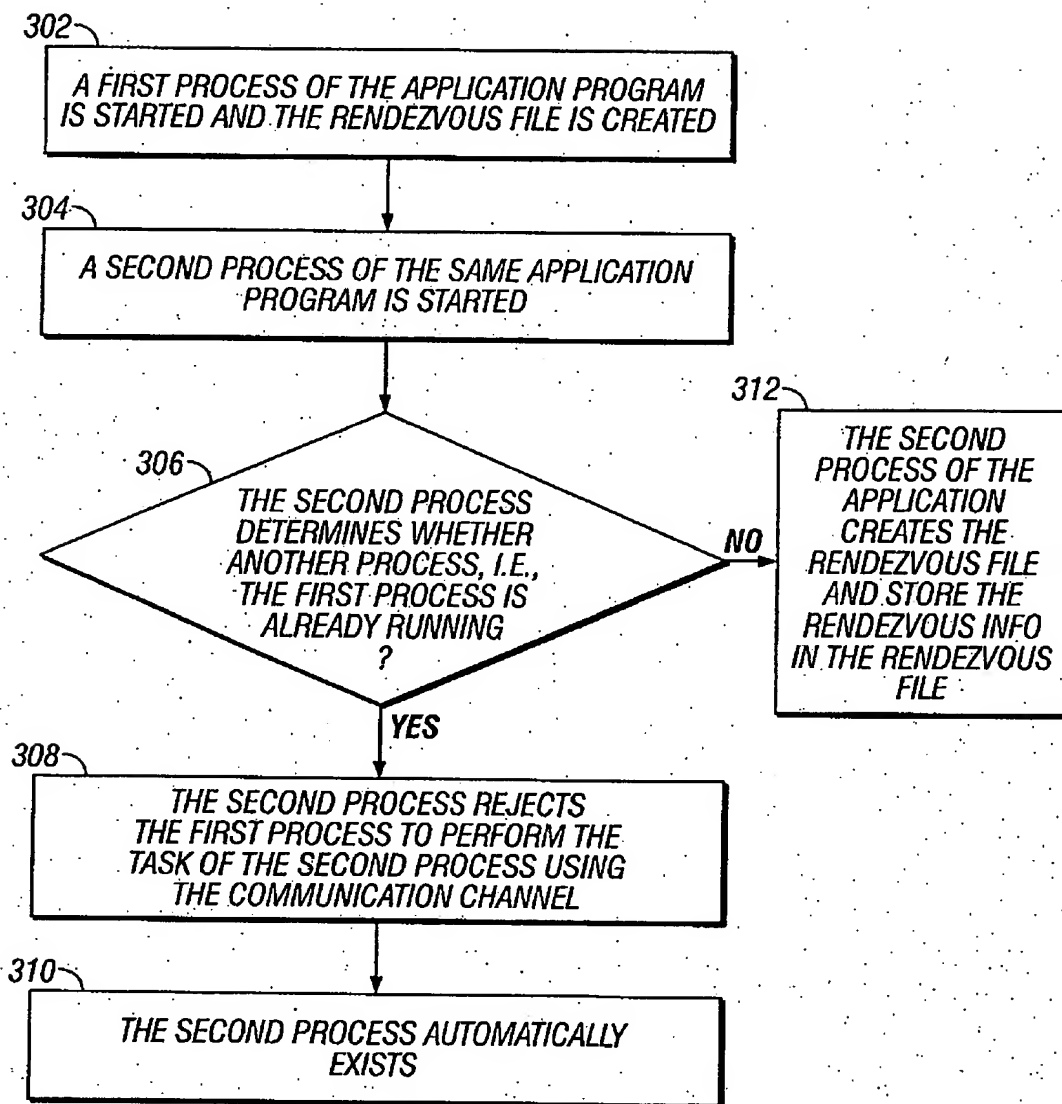


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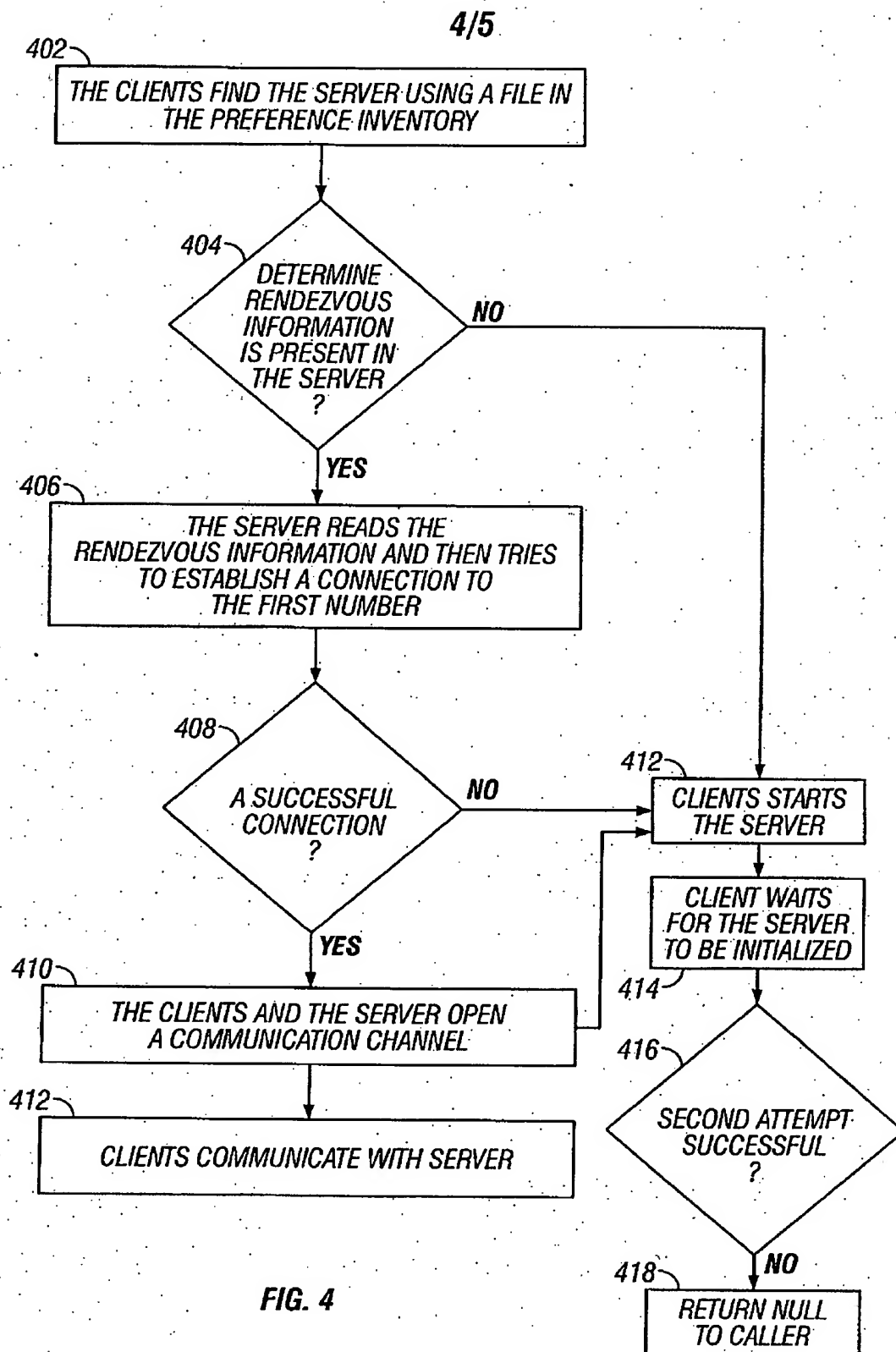


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